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**DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH PANEL AND AN INTEGRATED WAIST  
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the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

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